

SENATE RESOLUTION 2 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Dayton Parkey
and the 1998-1999 Claiborne County High
School girls' basketball team on winning the
TSSAA District 3AA Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those
high school athletic teams whose accomplishments are a source of pride for their schools and
communities; and

WHEREAS, the valiant 1998-1999 Claiborne County High School girls' basketball team
was one such outstanding team which, despite strong competition, won the Tennessee
Secondary School Athletic Association District 3AA Tournament, impressing all who were
privileged to watch them play; and

WHEREAS, in the important semifinal contest of that crucial tournament, the Lady Blue
Devils cruised to victory, crushing Seymour 58-46; and

WHEREAS, in a stunning upset, the team defeated Rutledge in the finals by a 62-55
margin; and

WHEREAS, this tournament title is especially meaningful because Claiborne County
was overlooked at the start of the season and, through fierce determination, definitely proved
the "experts" wrong; and

WHEREAS, they finished the season by winning fourth place honors at the Region 2 AA
Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, **Coach Dayton Parkey** and **Assistant Coach Tracy Melton** have done an excellent job this season with Coach Parkey being appropriately recognized as the District 2 AA Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of this memorable squad were: **Ashley Keck**, District Tournament Most Valuable Player; and **Katasha Brown**, an All-District Tournament honoree; **Natasha Riggs**, an All-District Tournament choice; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Lady Blue Devils was truly a team effort. The other members of this talented team were: **Jaclyn Barnard**, **Jessica Bolden**, **Sirena Hall**, **Amy Johnson**, **Jennifer Pressnell**, **Nicole Seals**, **Jodie Surber**, **Rita Wells**, **Summer Widner**, and **Amanda Williams**; and

WHEREAS, the support staff included managers Bethany Turner and Chasity Goins; statistician Chris Fultz, and clockkeeper, Jeff Hayes; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the Lady Blue Devils on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Coach Dayton Parkey and the 1998-1999 Claiborne County girls' basketball team on winning the District Tournament and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.